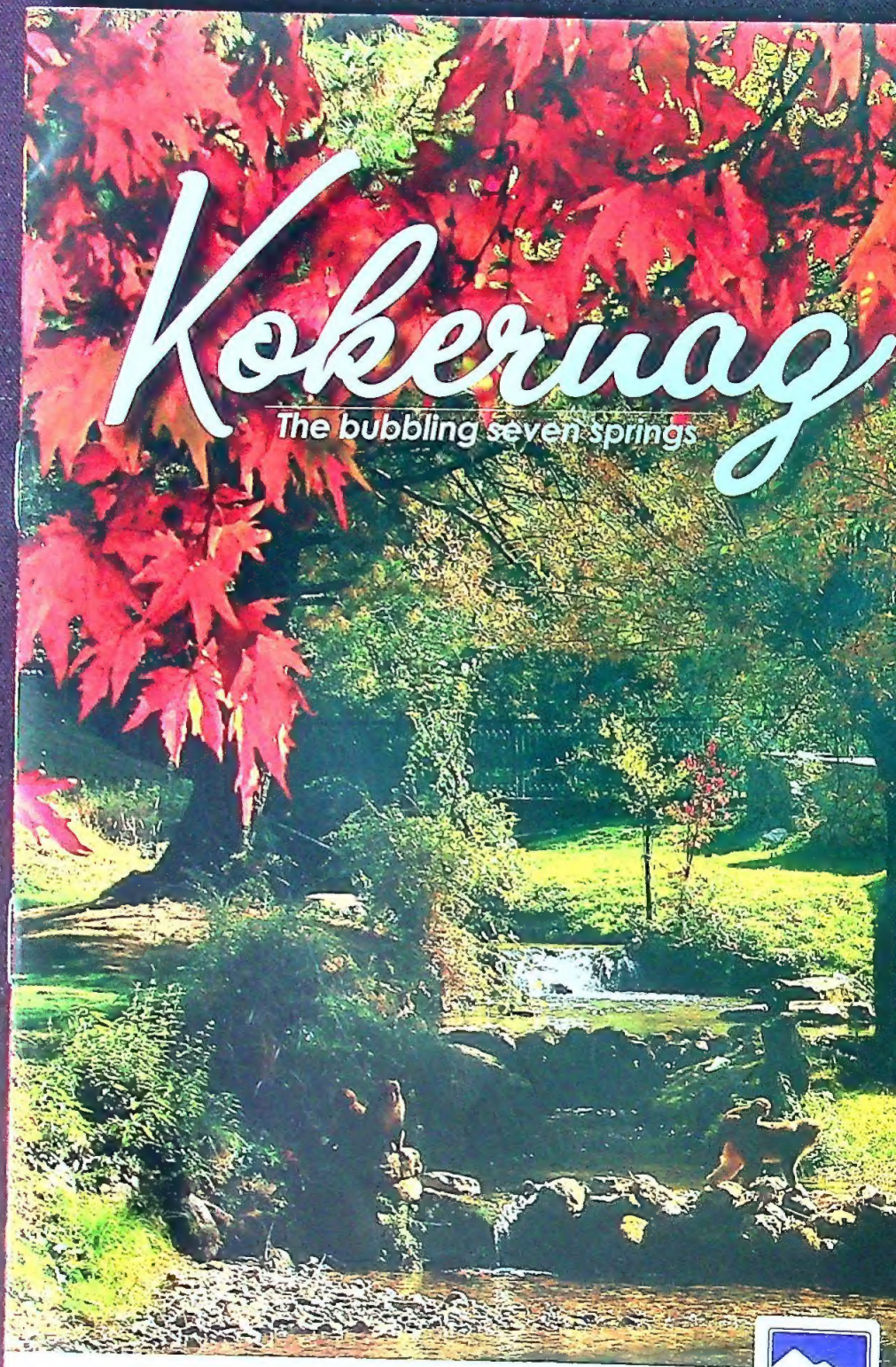


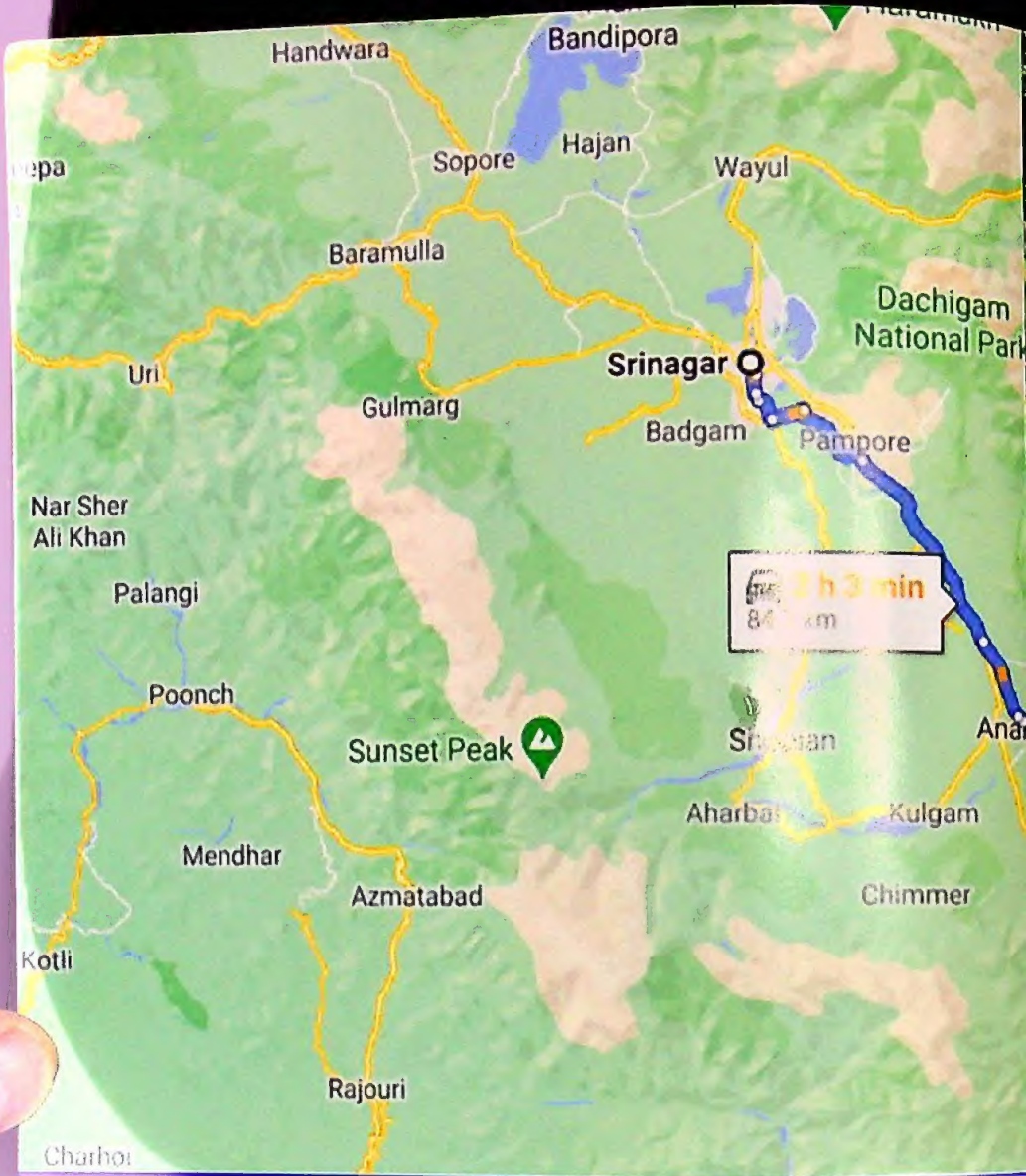
Kokernag

The bubbling seven springs



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DESTINATION INFO AT A GLANCE



- Altitude: 2580 m (8500 feet) above the sea level



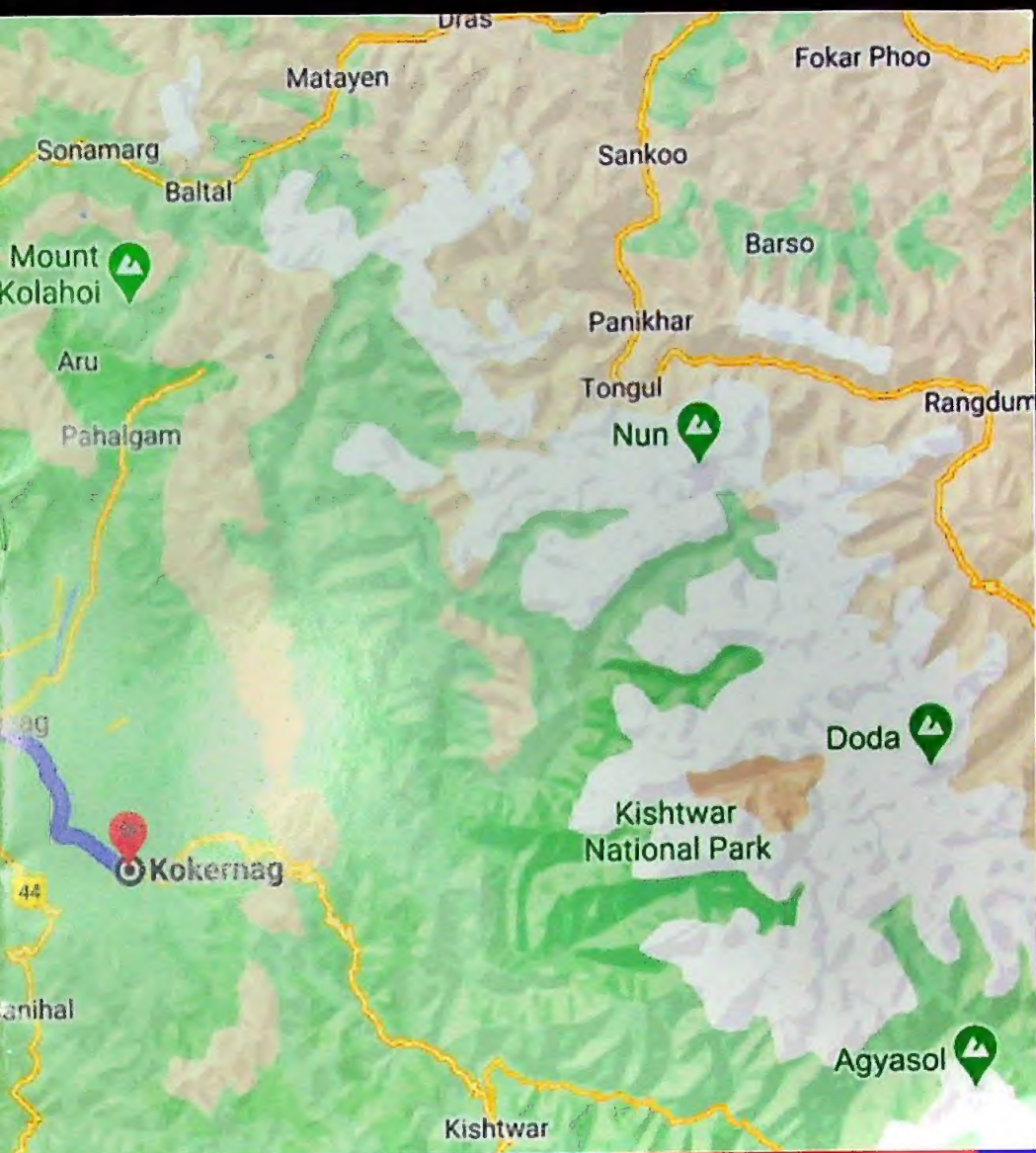
- Area: 0.065 sq km

Temperature **Summer:** 10°C to 25°C **Winter:** -6°C to 9°C

Best Season **Summer:** March to September **Autumn:** October

Clothing **Summer:** Cottons **Autumn:** Windcheater, light woolens

Languages: Kashmiri and Urdu



How To Reach



- **Nearest Airport**
The nearest International Airport from Kokernag is Srinagar Airport. It is located at a distance of 76 km



- **Nearest Railway Station**
Qazigund Railway Station located at a distance of 23 km

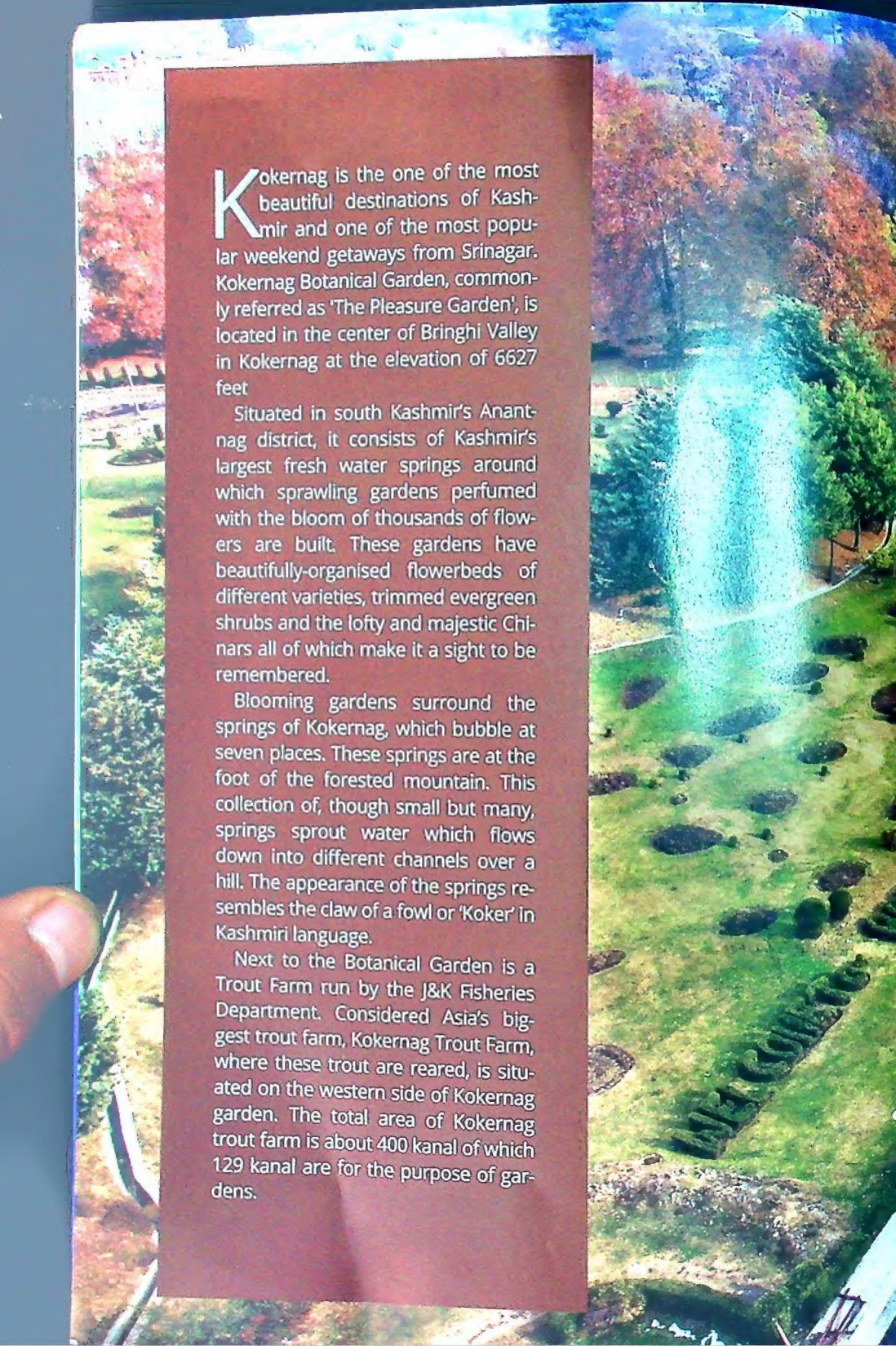


- **Road**
The best way to reach Kokernag is by road. Kokernag is 10 Kms from Anantnag, 76 Kms from Srinagar

WEATHER

March marks the beginning of the spring season in Kokernag and it usually lasts till May. The place looks just heavenly during these months. Kokernag experiences summer from the month of June and lasts till August and is apt to experience the beauty of the place.

Spring	Mar-May	(9° C to 20° C)
Summer	June-Oct	(10° C to 25° C)
Winter	Nov- Feb	(-6° C to 9° C)



Kokernag is the one of the most beautiful destinations of Kashmir and one of the most popular weekend getaways from Srinagar. Kokernag Botanical Garden, commonly referred as 'The Pleasure Garden', is located in the center of Bringhi Valley in Kokernag at the elevation of 6627 feet

Situated in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, it consists of Kashmir's largest fresh water springs around which sprawling gardens perfumed with the bloom of thousands of flowers are built. These gardens have beautifully-organised flowerbeds of different varieties, trimmed evergreen shrubs and the lofty and majestic Chinars all of which make it a sight to be remembered.

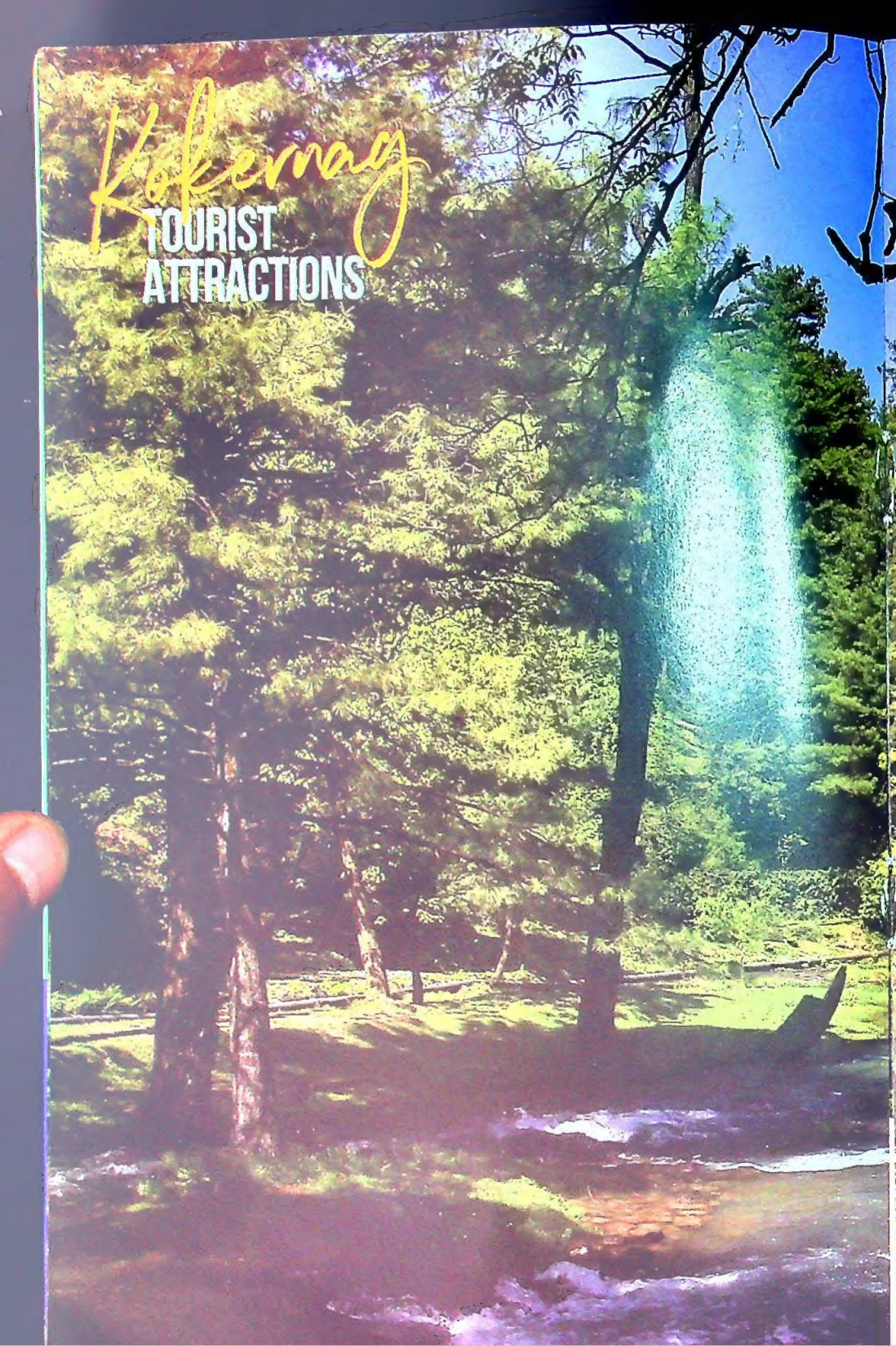
Blooming gardens surround the springs of Kokernag, which bubble at seven places. These springs are at the foot of the forested mountain. This collection of, though small but many, springs sprout water which flows down into different channels over a hill. The appearance of the springs resembles the claw of a fowl or 'Koker' in Kashmiri language.

Next to the Botanical Garden is a Trout Farm run by the J&K Fisheries Department. Considered Asia's biggest trout farm, Kokernag Trout Farm, where these trout are reared, is situated on the western side of Kokernag garden. The total area of Kokernag trout farm is about 400 kanal of which 129 kanal are for the purpose of gardens.



Kokernag

TOURIST
ATTRACTIONS





KOKERNAG SPRING

Rich in

- Trout

Praise

- *Kokernag Breng Chu Sunsund Preng* or Kokernag is the Golden Crown of Kashmir: **Sheikh Nooruddin Wali**
- The water of Kokernag satisfies both the hunger and the thirst besides being a remedy for indigestion: **Ain-e-Akbari**

Kokernag tourist destination is known mostly because of the Kokernag springs. The word Kokernag is derived from two words, Koker and Nag, Koker taken from Kashmiri word for chicken, while nag taken from Sanskrit word for spring. Kokernag gushes out of the base of a thickly-wooded hill from where it divides into channels, which resemble the claw-foot of a hen, hence its name.

It is also known as Breng Kokernag, the name given by scholar and poet, Shiekh Nooruddin Wali. Kokernag even finds praise in Ain-e-Akbari.

To this day, visitors throng the spring to collect its pure water for consuming it and even store it. These springs form various streams passing through Kokernag and its vicinity.

KOKERNAG WATERFALL

Location

- In Bringi River Valley, Anantnag

Praise

- A source of water laden with medicinal properties: **Abul Fazi** (Historian)

The spring which gets split into multiple channels gives rise to the majestic waterfall of Kokernag. Kokernag Waterfalls are at an altitude of above 6600 feet above the sea level, providing a spectacular view to the onlookers. The waterfall is located amidst the Bringi River Valley, which originates from the glaciers of Sinthan Mountains in Anantnag district. The amazing healing properties of the water are known to cure several diseases.





KOKERNAG BOTANICAL GARDEN

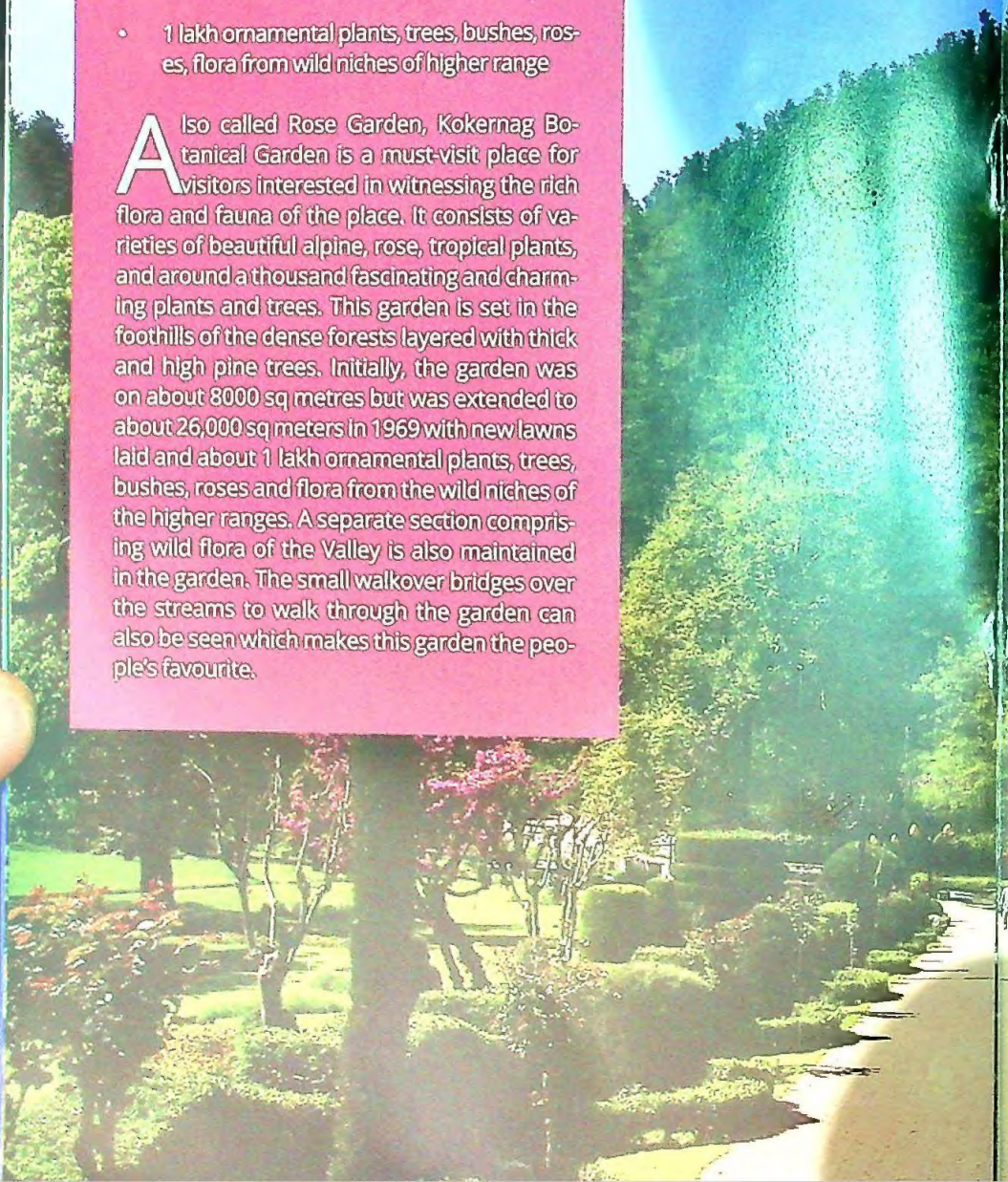
Area

- 26,000 sq. meters

Attraction

- 1 lakh ornamental plants, trees, bushes, roses, flora from wild niches of higher range

Also called Rose Garden, Kokernag Botanical Garden is a must-visit place for visitors interested in witnessing the rich flora and fauna of the place. It consists of varieties of beautiful alpine, rose, tropical plants, and around a thousand fascinating and charming plants and trees. This garden is set in the foothills of the dense forests layered with thick and high pine trees. Initially, the garden was on about 8000 sq metres but was extended to about 26,000 sq meters in 1969 with new lawns laid and about 1 lakh ornamental plants, trees, bushes, roses and flora from the wild niches of the higher ranges. A separate section comprising wild flora of the Valley is also maintained in the garden. The small walkover bridges over the streams to walk through the garden can also be seen which makes this garden the people's favourite.





KOKERNAG TROUT HATCHERY

Known as the largest trout hatchery in Asia

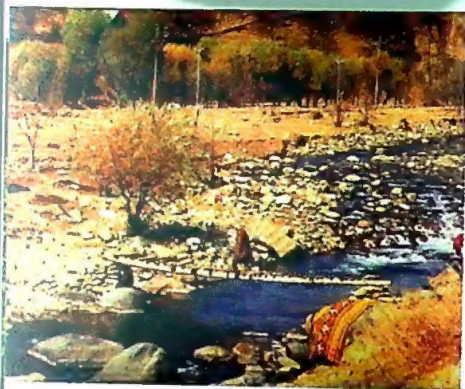
Kokernag Trout Hatchery or the 'Kokernag Fish Farm' is the main production unit of quality seed of Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout. Situated right next to the Kokernag Botanical Garden, the reason for rearing trout here is the cool weather which provides perfect temperature for its breeding. This potential was first tapped by a Norwegian researcher who started breeding trout here. People can be seen visiting and specifically students from the pisciculture background can also be seen witnessing the different stages of trout rearing. Those interested in tasting trout delicacy can also buy it.





Kokernag

NEARBY TOURIST DESTINATIONS

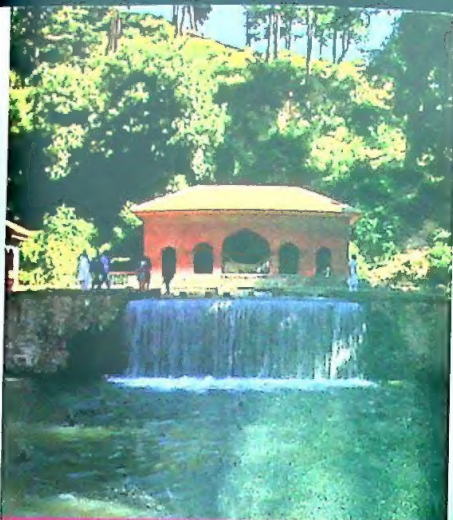


DAKSUM

- Distance from Kokernag: 16 km
- Time to reach from Kokernag: 30 minutes
- Altitude above the sea level: 8500 feet

Past the Mughal Gardens of Achabal, with their tinkling fountains, through the breathtaking splendour of the springs at Kokernag, lies Daksum, 'The Hidden Jewel of Kashmir'. It is located along the Anantnag-Sinthan-Kishtwar Road. Daksum is a trekker's paradise swathed in coniferous forests, gurgling streams, hidden grassy meadows where your only company is the sound of the gushing Bringi River.

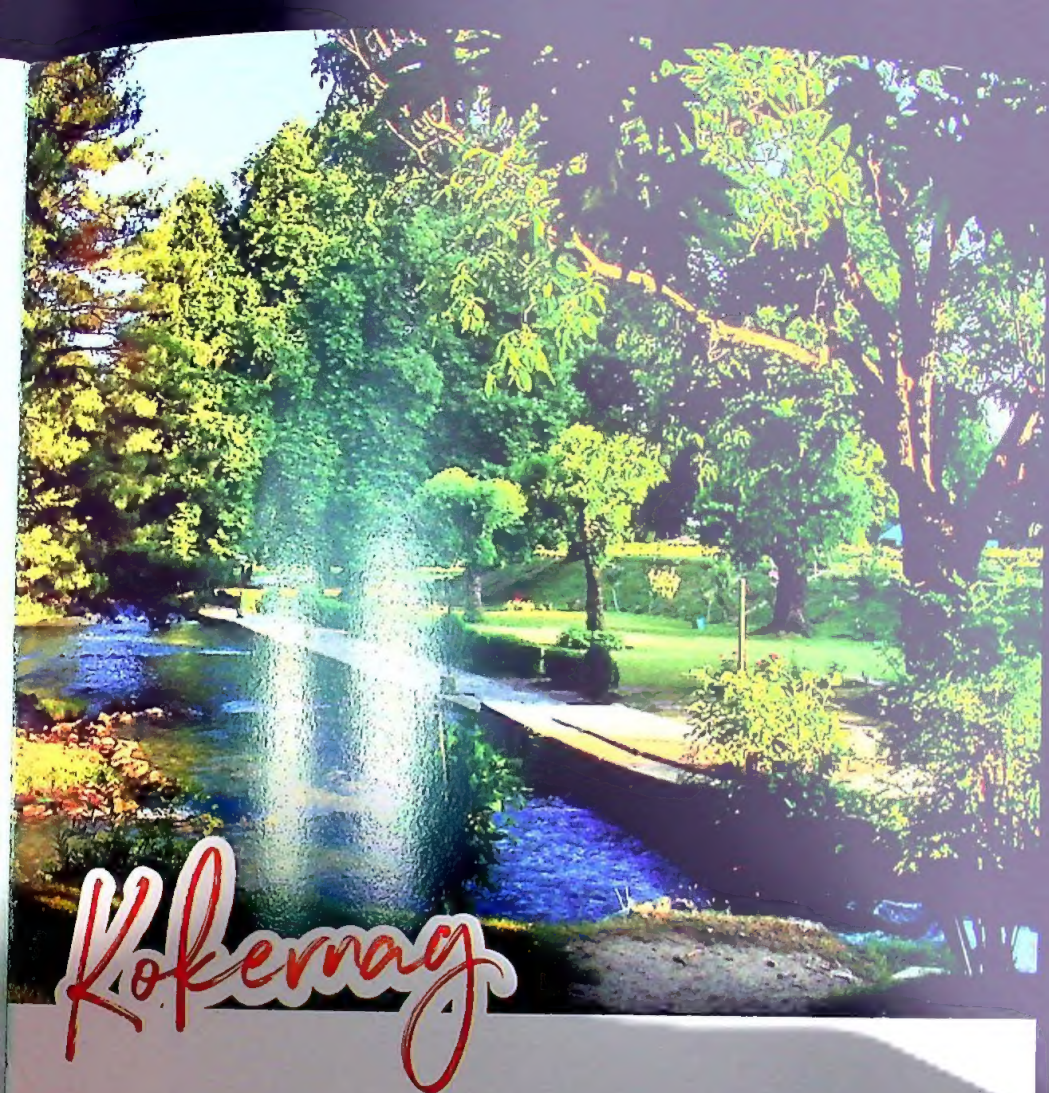
There are camping sites in and around Daksum, and anglers cannot miss sampling the local trout.



ACHABAL

- Distance from Kokernag: 28 km
- Time to reach from Kokernag: 30 minutes
- Altitude above the sea level: 6350 feet

With its abundant Chinars and roaring water channels, it is yet another example of the Mughal landscape genius demonstrated in Kashmir. Achabal is a visual treat for the eyes. Achabal itself is a small town, just a short drive from the clamour of Anantnag. It's justifiably famous for its garden, one of the most beautiful examples of a Kashmiri Mughal garden, playing out the symphony of water, wood and stone. Another treat in store at Achabal is an excursion to Chattabal, reached by a drive through the gorgeous Kashmiri countryside, where you can sit beside a pristine river flowing through a secluded valley. It is also the best base for a leisurely visit to Martand, home to Kashmir's most famous ancient temple.



Famous for: Gardens, pristine fresh water springs and rainbow trout farms. The garden is a popular picnic spot for locals, and a lovely holiday spot for visitors.

STAY

This subz-bagh is a place worth spending a night in, especially for the calm that overwhelms it and for the tranquility of the morning.

Tourists can spend the night in the wooden bungalow at the garden surrounded by glorious trees. That is the appeal of Kokernag — one gets to stay in a beautiful garden, and not just any garden, but one that is home to the largest spring in Kashmir.

When to go: April to September. It begins to snow in Kokernag in december

Tourist Offices

- J&K Tourism, Office of the Tourism Officer, next to Botanical Garden Main Gate, Kokernag, Website: jktourism.org
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